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## No progress in talks

By Paul Guggina  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — No progress was reported after seven hours of negotiations Friday between the Board of Education and the Granite City Federation of Teachers.

The next negotiating session is scheduled for Monday after 1 p.m.

"Nothing's changed," said union President Shirley Stoll. "The board's team cannot meet again until Monday. We wanted to meet this weekend but they could not."

Board negotiator Roy Koberna said, "We made no significant progress whatsoever."

Koberna said the session consisted of informal discussions regarding salaries, the length of the contract, and makeups days.

"We wanted to end the meeting making a proposal," Koberna said. "We were going to make a salary offer — I can't divulge the percentage — but the teachers wouldn't accept (hearing it)."

Stoll said, "There were still issues important to us besides money that have to be resolved."

She said that, at the direction of the federal mediator, "the meeting was to be informal and exploratory in nature."

The latest proposals are as follows:  
The school board has offered a three-

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## Public invited to board forum

GRANITE CITY — The Board of Education will hold a public forum Monday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Granite City High School auditorium.

"The purpose of the meeting is to make the public aware of the facts involved in the current teachers strike," Superintendent Gib Walmsley said.

"While the board wants the students back in school at the earliest possible date, they find it impossible to agree to the current demands of our teachers."

"The board of education has asked the teachers to return to work while negotiations continue, but they have steadfastly refused."

## Man found dead in Mitchell motel

MITCHELL — Darrell G. Balke, 32, Edwardsville, was found dead Friday in a room in the Chain of Rocks Motel, 2223 W. Chain of Rocks Road.

The cause of death was an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, said Madison County Chief Deputy Coroner Ralph Baschmann Jr.

The body was found about 12:30 p.m. by employees of the motel engaged in routine cleaning tasks.

He was pronounced dead at 1:15 p.m. by Deputy Coroner Ed Morton.

Mr. Balke registered at the motel, alone, Thursday between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Authorities said he apparently went

home after that and then departed from his residence in Edwardsville at 5:30 a.m. Friday, ostensibly to report to his job as a truck driver at IGD Distribution, located in the Northgate Industrial Park on Illinois 3.

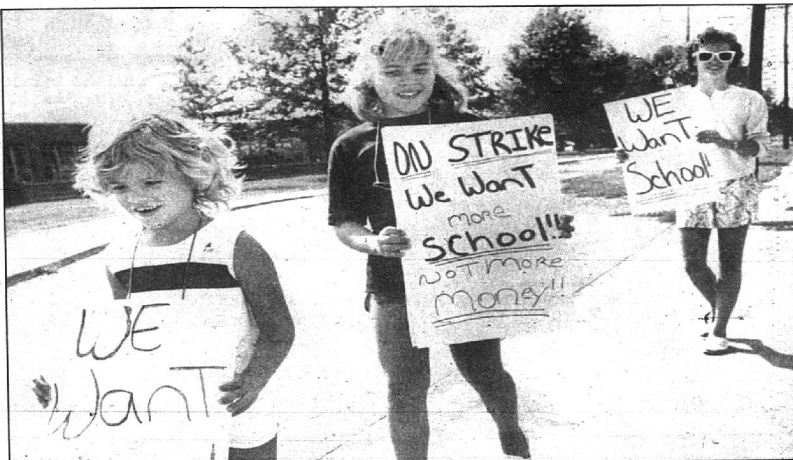
He never arrived.

IGD Distribution is a division of Air Products and Chemicals Inc.

A supervisor at Air Products said Balke had been employed there for several years and was "a very good employee."

He is survived by his wife.

Mateer Funeral Home of Edwardsville is handling the funeral arrangements.



## Ready for school, again

Frohhardt School first-grader Karen Suess and sixth-grader Paulina Seuss and Jennie Trower form their own picket line Thursday afternoon in front of the school on Johnson Road. They said they "don't want to be going to school in July." They returned to their picket line Friday.

## Strike could set length record Tuesday

By Paul Guggina  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A record for the longest teachers' strike in Granite City history could be set Tuesday.

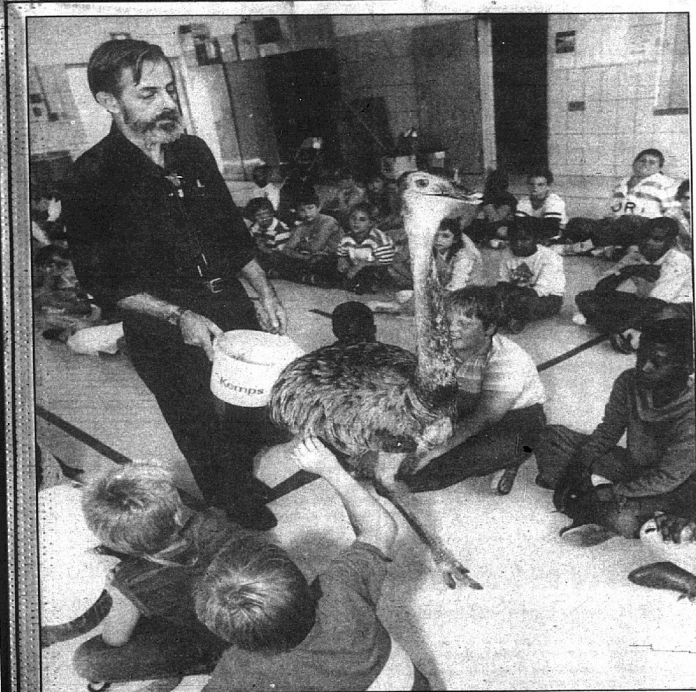
The Granite City Federation of

Teachers strike would be entering its 22nd calendar day. The previous record was set in 1969, when school was postponed from Aug. 27 until Sept. 16 because teachers declined to work for the available pay, benefits

and conditions.

Other major strikes took place in 1979, 1981, 1983 and 1984. What follows is a summary of the events that took

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Staff photos by Patrick Foley



## Students given close encounter with strange animals of the wild

Third and fourth grade students at Harris School were given a rare close encounter with animals of the wild during a visit by Dr. Robert James of Animal Encounters. The children were able to pet a porcupine and an iguana and see a tarantula up close as they learned the facts about these misunderstood creatures. At left, James walks a one-year-old ostrich through the rows of students

and, above, helps four students hold an eight-foot boa constrictor for the children to touch. The volunteer students, from left, are Larry Cox, Kelly Gordon, Demond Simms and Jennifer Rhodes. James also talked to another group of children at Harris School and two groups at the Madison Middle School. His visit was sponsored by the Madison Parents Club.

**25**  
years ago

Monday Sept. 23, 1963

Mayor John E. Lee told the Venice City Council on Friday construction of an underpass at the railroad tracks on Broadway near McKinley Bridge is "three to four years away."

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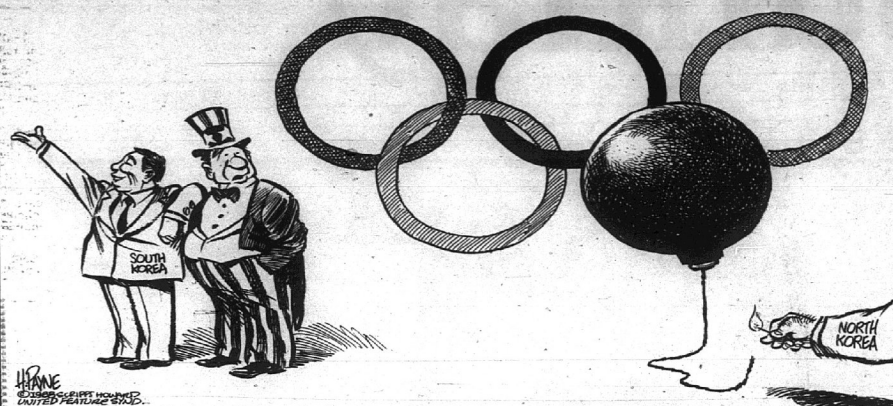
Ella Belcher  
Wallace Dandridge  
Marie Gordon  
Carthan Harris  
Jimmie Johnson  
Laura McCarthy  
Birdie Ridings  
Frank Toth

### Old Newsboys

IN GRANITE CITY: The traditional Old Newsboys fund drive for children will be held Nov. 17. Volunteers will distribute special Old Newsboy editions at intersections and other areas in the city from 6 a.m. to noon.







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## When NRA pulls strings, guess who's first to jump?

Our region's favorite congressional puppet, Harold Volkmer, has just done another Bo Jangles dance in the Hallowed Hall of the House of Representatives.

Volkmer's favorite piper, the National Rifle Association, played its only tune it knows again recently. Volkmer's strings tightened and he immediately snapped to.

The tune is titled, "You'd Better Vote Against this Commie Piece of Shme, Boy," and Harold responded with a quick, "Yes, boss!"

What Volkmer did, along with 227 of his pals including St. Louis County's Jack Buechner, R-2nd, and Belleville's Jerry Castello, D-21st — was shoot down an amendment which would have required those seeking a handgun permit to wait seven days while authorities checked them out.

Volkmer deserves special mention here because of his unflinching devotion and subservience to the NRA.

### Martin On The Metro

By Pat Martin



The proposed law was not introduced by a bunch of flower-in-their-hair, tie-dyed peace creeps. A majority of Americans favor stricter controls, if not an outright ban, on handguns. Police officers have testified about the need for tighter controls.

None of that makes any difference to the NRA, arguably the single most powerful lobbying group in America. Ultimately, it didn't matter to the legislators it controls, either. When the big boss says jump, they ask how high.

The NRA makes sure guns continue to be equated with virility and machismo, even among reasonable people who ought to know better. It has managed to label anyone who opposes its policies as a wimp, a commie or worse, a liberal. Any legislator who doesn't toe the line is likely to become an NRA target, with its mass mailing capability, the next time he or she stands for election.

In reality, it would take more guts and courage to stand up to the NRA than to meekly go along in the name of right and might.

The NRA stands on the sanctity of the Constitution and right to bear muskets. It's an American issue, its propaganda goes, one that has shaped our quality of life and liberty.

Except, of course, for our citizens who no longer have a life because they've been snuffed by guns.

Still, oppose them and you're an anti-American liberal wimp.

Our most famous of alleged wimps, George Bush, took the

straightest path he could in trying to shed that label when he reverently referred to our right to bear arms in his nomination acceptance speech.

It's odd that in this election year frenzy, when candidates are all straining to be more conservative than the next guy, a call for handgun control was named the Brady Amendment after the press secretary of our macho president.

Ronald Reagan took one in the ribs the same day in 1981 when James Brady was shot in the brain, but the Gipper still couldn't see himself clear to endorse the Brady Amendment. With the Great Communicator silent and the NRA flexing its tattooed muscles, it was easy for all the little congressional ducks to line up and do what they were told.

Quack, quack, quack, said Harold and friends during the roll call. What a strange noise to come out of bunch of chickens.

## Enforce old fraud laws

To the editor:

"The more corrupt the state," wrote the ancient Roman historian Tacitus, "the more numerous the laws."

In recent years, Congress has enacted numerous new laws intended to discourage fraud against the government. For example, the False Claims Amendments Act of 1986 permits the government to recover treble damages plus up to \$10,000 per false claim in a civil action.

This recovery is virtually automatic after a criminal conviction. The Anti-Kickback Enforcement Act of 1986 provides a fine of \$50,000 for corporations and \$25,000 plus 10 years imprisonment for people who offer to solicit kickbacks in connection with government contracts.

The Criminal Fines Improvements Act of 1987 permits a fine of up to twice the gross financial loss of the defendant or twice the loss to the government for crimes against the government, including false claims.

These laws are only a few of those recently added to an already lengthy list of criminal statutes pertaining to fraud against the government. Yet, despite all this legislation, cases of fraud continue to occur. So what are we to do?

Well, as you might guess, the response of Congress is to write even more laws making the penalties even more severe.

The latest effort is the Major Fraud Act of 1988, H.R. 391 recently adopted by the House and now under consideration by the Senate.

It would, among other things, establish draconian penalties for fraud against the government, extend the statute of limitations from five to seven years, create

a cash reward system to encourage reporting of fraud, and eliminate the requirement to establish criminal motive in certain cases.

Well, I am as opposed to fraud as anyone, but H.R. 391 excites the faint aroma of election-year hysteria. I am opposed to all crimes, but I do not necessarily think death would be the appropriate penalty in every case.

H.R. 391 could in fact amount to a death penalty for many businesses, and the awesome fines in the proposed law would not necessarily have to be imposed to achieve that result.

The mere threat of bankruptcy destroys a company's credit, forecloses access to capital markets, and critically injures a firm's ability to conduct business, all before it has a chance to defend itself in court.

I share the widespread indignation and outrage at reports that some government contractors may have broken the law in their quest for Uncle Sam's business.

But the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution requires that legal punishment be proportionate to the crime. Existing laws are more than sufficient to deal with the crimes allegedly committed against our government.

We need no new laws — only tough enforcement of the ones already on the books.

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## Quayle stories justified

To the editor:

I agree with Charles McDowell of Channel 9's Washington Week in Review that the news media must find out as much as possible about Dan Quayle's actions and character.

If George Bush is elected president and dies in office, Quayle would be our president.

From all reports, Quayle does not stick to the truth and will exaggerate to make himself look better.

The news media must spare us from the surprise of not knowing the real Dan Quayle.

RUTH JENSEN  
104 Warson Lane, Mitchell

## Still need county health department

To the editor:

The League of Women Voters commends the recent efforts of the County Board Health Institutions Committee to try to get a food inspection program for Madison County.

However, in a reading of the Illinois Statutes (11. Revised Statutes, ch. 34, paragraph 419) it appears that it would require the formation of a county health department to give it this authority.

The Health Institutions Committee estimates that it would

cost over \$100,000 to set up a county food inspection program. In the meantime, \$350,000 of taxpayers' money is being held in Springfield and can be released only if we have a county health department.

Instead of trying to raise another \$100,000 in new tax money, the League urges the County Board to pass a resolution establishing a county health department so food inspection and other much-needed health services can be provided for the citizens of Madison County.

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## SEMC campaigning for closed caption decoders

The Audiology Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., is encouraging area video cassette recorder/movie rental stores to make closed caption decoders available to the hearing-impaired public.

Closed captioning is a process by which the audio portion of the television program or movie appears in captions or subtitles on the screen. The hearing-impaired person can then read what a hearing person is listening to.

All the major networks carry closed caption programs, as do some cable stations and video cassette companies. The captions are broadcast on a separate signal and require closed caption decoders in order to be seen on the television screen.

"To my knowledge, there are no rental stores that have television decoders available for rent to the general public," said Sheila Kutz, clinical audiologist at SEMC. "I've sent out letters and other information about the decoders to area

movie rental stores.

"We would like to increase awareness of the closed caption decoders and public access to them. If a store does have the decoders for rent, they can contact our department and we will spread the word to other area audiologists and the hard-of-hearing population."

The National Captioning Institute, a nonprofit organization that supplies much of the captioning, has a listing of all the closed captioned television shows and movies available. To obtain the listing, persons may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The National Captioning Institute, 5203 Leesburg Pike, 15th floor, Falls Church, Va., 22041.

Any video store owner who is interested in carrying the closed caption decoders can contact the SEMC Audiology Department at 796-3616 for more information, or the National Captioning Institute at 2651 South Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, Fla., 33133.

## Hall new governor of Optimist district

Norman Hall of Granite City has been elected governor of the Illinois District of Optimist International for the year beginning Oct. 1.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service-club organizations, with almost 4,000 Optimist clubs and over 165,000 members across North America. The Illinois District for which Hall is responsible has 3,704 members in 86 Optimist clubs as of July 31, 1988.

Hall is marketing supervisor for Illinois Power Co. in Granite City. He is married and has four children.

A member of the Optimist Club of Granite City, Hall served as the club's president in the 1984-85 year. For the Illinois District, he was a lieutenant governor in 1985-86 and was the district secretary-treasurer in 1986-87.

In other community activities, Hall is a trustee of Nameoki Township, and was the township's tax collector from 1981 to 1985.

He is a past board member of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Home Builders Association of Madison County.

Carrying the motto, "Friend of youth," Optimist clubs conduct a wide range of service projects benefiting young people in their communities.

Major Optimist International programs include Optimist Youth Appreciation Week each November, Just Say No, Optimist oratorical and essay contests, the Optimist Junior World Golf Championships and many others.



Norman Hall

## •Strike

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and-a-half year contract that includes raises of 4 percent for 1988-89, 2 percent for 1989-90, 1 percent for the first half of 1990-91, and a reopener for further salary negotiations in January 1991.

The teachers have proposed a two-year agreement expiring in August 1990 with raises of 0.5 percent each of those years.

The teachers are also requesting that the days lost due to the strike be made up. The board's position is to leave the school calendar as is, without extending the school year.

The strike, which began Sept. 6, would be entering its fourth week Tuesday.

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"Most customers will hardly notice the difference," said Mary McCormick, Illinois Bell's manager of community relations for this area.

Service will be much faster and quieter, she said. And for customers whose telephone numbers begin with 797, there are some important new ways to complete their calls, she added.

Customers whose number begins with 797 have been notified by mail that they will now have to dial "11" plus the 314 area code and all seven digits of the telephone number to reach Missouri and St. Louis.

They will also have to dial all seven digits to reach numbers within the 618 area code.

According to McCormick, the change in dialing patterns will not increase charges for those calls.

"The new switching equipment also brings several new services to the area," McCormick said. "The new features can mean you won't miss important incoming calls because you're already on the phone. Call Waiting, a popular feature for many residents and businesses, signals you when you are on one call and another caller is trying to reach you."

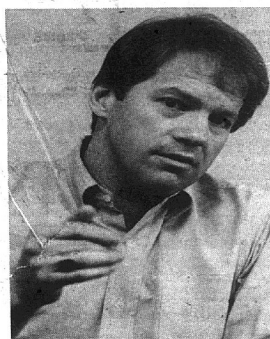
"Another popular feature, Call Forwarding, means you can be reached when you are away from your home or office. Before you leave, you can transfer your calls to the telephone number where you will be."

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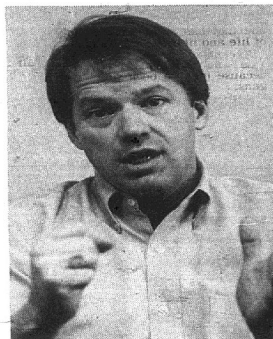
"Three-Way Calling allows you to add a third person to a call — to make decisions more quickly, or just to chat."

"Speed Calling allows you to reach frequently called or important numbers faster. By dialing a one- or two-digit code that you assign to any telephone number, you save time and effort and complete the call faster."

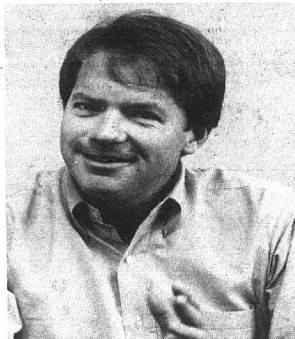
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# Serving our country

## General recalls flying superfortress

By Shawn Candela  
Staff affiliate

BELLEVILLE — When Lt. Gen. Robert D. Springer gave up his wings Aug. 31 at Scott Air Force Base, he did more than end an Air Force career that spanned almost 36 years. He ended an era.

Springer, who served as vice commander in chief of the Military Airlift Command since July 1987, was the last person on active duty to have served as a crew member on the B-29 Superfortress, the American bomber.

"One day I went back to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, after I had been away from the B-29s for about 20 years, and I crawled through it," he said. "I was amazed how little it was. When I first flew in it, I thought, 'Golly, this is a big airplane.'"

Springer entered B-29 combat crew training school at Randolph AFB, Texas, in 1953 and was assigned in January 1954 to the 34th Bombardment Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan, where he flew as a navigator until 1957. Springer said the advent of

modern technology finally pushed the B-29 to its end.

"Back then, we had 12 crew members, three of them navigators," he said. "Today, we've got a box that does everything for you. We have one person on the plane."

"It's better now, because the box is more accurate, and you're sending less people into combat."

In 36 years, Springer has witnessed a lot of changes in the Air Force, and not only technological changes.

"The quality of the young men and women has changed dramatically," he said. "Not that we had bad people back then, but we clearly have very high quality men and women right now."

"We have no officers without degrees. And 99 percent of the force has a high school diploma. Compared to the national average, that's quite an accomplishment."

Springer said he had never thought about leaving the service until now.

"I wish I could find that staff sergeant who got me to sign,"

he said. "I'd build him a house."

During retirement, Springer plans to take a vacation with his wife, Bonnie, and then settle down in Pinehurst, N.C.

He said he hopes to stay in close contact with the Air Force. "You don't just make a cut and not talk to the Air Force anymore," he said. "I'll always be there for counseling, to help any way I can."

His own future secure, Springer hopes to see the Air Force grow the way it's been doing the last 36 years.

"Somebody asked me what the best assignment I ever had was," he said. "Well, it started in 1953 and it's been going on ever since."

John Sellers  
Marine Sgt. John S. Sellers, son of Gerald L. Sellers, 2034 Beckwith St., Madison, recently returned from a six-month deployment in which he participated in contingency operations in the Arabian Gulf with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167.

## New local reserve unit gets Blackhawk

Blackhawks helicopters are on the way to a local reserve aviation unit as part of the unit's reorganization.

On Sunday, Sept. 18, a "combination" ceremony was held at the Army Reserve Center at Scott Air Force Base.

Maj. Gen. Robert F. Pennycook, commanding general of the 102d United States Army Reserve Command, inactivated the 281st Aviation Company and then activated the 7th Battalion, 18th Aviation Regiment.

The change is in keeping with the theme of the "Army of excellence."

Changing to the regimental system will align the unit with the active Army and be "in parallel" with today's Air/Land Battle Doctrine, authorities said.

Aviation battalions are also being activated in other Army Reserve commands throughout the continental United States.

The most visible change to occur with the activation of the new unit will be the equipment upgrade from the UH-1 (Huey) to the UH-60 (Blackhawk) helicopters, giving the command state-of-the-art equipment and bringing the grade structure in

line with active Army units.

"The Huey became famous in Vietnam and has been a workhorse for the Army. It's a good aircraft but is getting old," said Lt. Col. Robert C. Lorenz, the new battalion commander.

"The aircraft is capable of carrying 11 combat personnel with full field gear, plus the crew — a pilot, co-pilot and crew chief door gunner."

"It cruises between 140 and 160 knots and has a range of over two hours," Lorenz said.

"If we fly from St. Louis to Kansas City, we don't have to refuel at Fort Leonard Wood."

## Military column

John Sellers

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For the period of deployment, Sellers was with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

A 1981 graduate of Granite City High School North, Sellers joined the Marine Corps in June 1981.

Leslye Elbert

Capt. Leslye J. Elbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. (Virginia) Whaling, Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, was recently promoted to the rank of major in the United States Air Force.

She is presently stationed at

Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., where her husband, Master Sgt. Richard B. Elbert, is with the Intelligence and Security Division.

The couple has two sons, James, 5, and Thomas, 1.



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## Area college trims administrative staff

**BELLEVILLE** — Belleville Area College's Board of Trustees approved a reorganization plan Sept. 21 that is intended to save more than \$250,000 annually in administrative salaries.

The administrative reorganization:

- Eliminates presidents at the three campuses, replacing them with provosts.
- Renames district vice chancellors as district vice presidents.
- Transfers duties of four current or pending administrative vacancies — Belleville Campus provost, district registrar, director of student activities at Belle-

ville and director of college foundation — to other administrators, and;

- Creates an interim position as vice president for community affairs.

Administrators taking on new and additional responsibilities will not receive any increase in salary this year.

"We are making substantial changes in the college's administrative structure," said college president Dr. Joseph J. Cipri, who assumed that post in July.

"These changes will more clearly define the role of all chief administrators of the district and, at the same time,

enhance the efficiency and financial stability of the college."

The changes were approved by a unanimous vote of the college trustees.

Dr. Cipri will serve as the chief executive officer for the district, as well as provost for the Belleville Campus.

Dean of students at the Granite City Campus, has been named to an interim position of vice president for community affairs.

The new community services area will include: adult and basic education, general studies, student activities, marketing,

special programs, public relations, BAC Foundation, and extension centers.

Dr. R. Wayne Clark, former president of the Belleville Campus, will be the provost at the Granite City Campus.

Ted Lewis, former dean of administrative and student personnel services at the Red Bud Campus, was named interim provost at that campus.

Dr. Weldon Tallant, vice president for student development, will also assume the registrar's role.

Dr. Thaxton will also function as director of student activities for the Belleville Campus.

Kathy O'Dell, director of public relations, will also serve as director of the BAC Foundation.

Other administrative changes include: Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development and former Red Bud Campus President Dr. Robert Eskridge will move to the faculty as the beginning of the second semester.

Lee Knoebel, who had served as executive dean of the Granite City Campus, will assume the dean of students role here.

Most of the personnel changes are effective Oct. 1.

The board also approved a committee structure that will help the board identify crucial issues and be able to focus on these issues at a strategic rather than operational level.

In other action, Kathryn Rowold resigned as secretary to the Board of Trustees. She will be reassigned to another position at the college. Rowold served as board secretary for seven years.

## Obituaries



Elia Belcher

### Belcher

Elia Mae (Wolf) Belcher, 60, Madison, died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Memorial Hospital. She had been ill 10 years and hospitalized one week.

Born July 19, 1928, in Iberia, Mo., she resided in the Quad City area 10 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Madison and American Legion Auxiliary 113 and was "Lady Red Baron" in a local citizen band radio club.

Survivors include her husband, James Sherman Belcher; one son, James E. Belcher, Madison; one daughter, Mrs. Mike (Annaleen) Corbett, Collinsville; one brother, Don R. Wolf, Freeburg; one sister, Mary Smith, Baldwin, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Sunday) at Irwin Chapel. Burial will take place at St. John's Cemetery, Collinsville. Memorials may be given to the Diabetes Foundation.

### Dandridge

Wallace Dandridge, 61, 525 Mercedia St., Venice, died at 3:50 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Mr. Dandridge was born Dec. 20, 1926, in Venice and was a lifelong resident of Metro East. He was formerly employed at Granite City Steel, where he worked for 36 years. He was a member of New Salem Baptist Church, Venice.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Dandridge; two sons, Tyrone Dandridge, Germany, and Wallace Dandridge Jr., Palms, Calif.; one daughter, Vickie Dandridge, Madison; three brothers, Sidney Dandridge, Los Angeles, Arthur Dandridge, Madison, and William Dandridge Jr., East St. Louis; two sisters, Fannie Dandridge, Venice, and Shirley Holtz, Inkster, Mich.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday at New Salem Church, with the Rev. John H. Williams, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, handled the arrangements.

### Harris

The Rev. Carthan Harris, 86, 1031 Market St., Venice, died Sunday, Sept. 18, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born Feb. 1, 1902, in Epps, La., Rev. Harris was a resident of Metro East for 36 years. He was formerly employed by American Steel Foundries for 23 years.

He was a member of the Southern Baptist Church, Madison, where he served as an associate minister.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Harris, Madison; one daughter, Barbara Williams, Chicago; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Southern Baptist

Church, Madison, with the Rev. William Wine officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, handled the arrangements.

### Johnson

Jimmie Johnson, 87, 16 Garceshe Homes, Madison, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Mr. Johnson was born Sept. 10, 1901, in Little Rock, Ark., and was a resident of Metro East for many years.

He is survived by one brother, Earl Hall, Wrightsville, Ark.

Funeral services were held Thursday at Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis, with the Rev. Robert Thomas officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

### Ridings

Birdie L. (Franks) Ridings, 85, 4000 Sara St., died at 10:09 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, 1988, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center emergency room. She had become ill at home.

Mrs. Ridings was born May 12, 1903, in Leoma, Tenn., and resided in Granite City 50 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Granite City.

Preceding her in death was her husband, J.E. Ridings, in 1974.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Cooke, Granite City; two stepdaughters, Edith Rapp, Granite City, and Ethel Sykes, Greenville; one stepson, Jay Ridings, Granite City; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday at Irwin Chapel for Funeral Home. Mrs. Ridings was a member of the Central Christian Church, Chapter HT of PED, Leech Literary Club, Ladies' Colored Church Women United, Admissions Committee for the St. Louis Christian Home, National Board of Trustees of the National Benevolent Association of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), Women's Fellowship Quadrangle Convention 1982-1986 at Purdue University, Board of Trustees of Culver-Stockton College, and the Christian Women's Fellowship at Central Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (Janek) Toth, whom he married Nov. 14, 1936, in Granite City.

Other survivors include his son, Theodore Toth, Prattville, Ala.; two daughters, Mrs. George (Pat) Kutey, Manchester, Ala., and Henrietta Rose Toth, Mobile, Ala.; two brothers, Julius Toth and John Toth, both of Granite City; one sister, Helen Szabo; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where a prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Monday. The Rev. Don Wolford will celebrate a funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Pontoon and Johnson roads, Burr Ridge.

Masses may be offered as memorials or donations may be made to Home of Madison County, Granite City.

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## History GC has history of teacher strikes

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place during those strikes.

Aug. 27, 1969: Summer vacation was unannounced extended for 15,000 students as District 9's 682 teachers began what still stands as the longest strike by Local 743 in its 69-year history.

The strike began when the American Federation of Teachers local voted to turn down raises that ranged between 1 percent and 4 percent.

The average yearly salary for a district 9 teacher was a little more than \$8,300.

Teachers said they were ready for a strike on Aug. 23 when, with no agreement in sight, negotiations were halted.

Superintendent J. Davis announced he would try to begin the school year Sept. 9. The attempt failed. Only a handful of teachers reported for work, and classes were canceled indefinitely.

In the ensuing days, students and parents confronted teachers on the picket lines, bearing signs that read: "Act like adults, settle your conflict," and "Happiness is a settlement."

The school board attempted to force the teachers back to work through the courts.

A circuit court hearing began Friday, Sept. 2, 1969. The hearing was scheduled to resume Saturday morning, but never began because of a school board agreement late Friday night.

The following Tuesday, Sept. 16, the school year began with a half-day of classes.

The two-year contract agreement set a salary schedule that would raise from \$6,700 to \$13,000 — raises of 18 to 23 percent.

Aug. 27, 1979: The fall term was scheduled to begin, but was delayed tentatively until Sept. 5 while negotiations stalled between teachers and the school board. The major issue was salaries.

The teachers declined to call their action a strike. Union President Shirley Stoll said each teacher could decide whether or not to strike.

Of the district's 630 teachers, 89 reported for work Sept. 5. The start of classes was again delayed.

A 12-hour negotiation session

## At the APA shelter

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## Area homemakers attend conference

Sharon Helms, Edwardsville, president of the Madison County Homemakers Extension Association, headed a delegation of County Board members who attended the fall district training meeting held recently at Mount Vernon. County board members present along with Mrs. Helms were Betty Blumberg, Marine; Viola Huebner, E. Alton; Janet Kruse and Judy McMillan, Highland; Alice Kerkemeyer, Collinsville; Viola Baumann and Beth Newman, Edwardsville; Karen Nelson and Pat Mitchell, Granite City; Jane Elliott, Godfrey and Ruth Meyer, Worden.

Salary was not the issue. Teachers were not opposed to massive staff cuts — 192 of the district's 548 teachers had been laid off in an effort to avoid bankruptcy.

Other cost-cutting measures, such as cutting administrative salaries by 10 percent, had also been taken.

The union was willing to forego raises if the school board agreed to hire back the teachers as soon as possible.

The board claimed teacher salaries in Granite City were the third highest in the state, and wanted to cut salaries across the board by 4 percent.

The union complained that classrooms would become overcrowded due to the layoffs. Some kindergarten classes had up to 47 children enrolled.

The district agreed to a pay freeze and to hire back teachers as needed. Limits on class sizes were set at 37 for kindergarten, 35 for first through third grades and 39 for fourth grade through high school.

A one-year contract was signed, and classes began Sept. 2.

Aug. 22, 1984: Following the guidelines set forth in a new state law legalizing strikes by teachers, the union gave a 5-day notice of its intent to strike and arranged for a federal mediator to sit in at negotiating sessions.

Administrators claimed the district was more than \$500,000 in "bad debt." The union said it wanted the salary schedule adjusted at least another step at the top of the scale. The teachers called the proposal a wage freeze, but the district said it was the equivalent of a 6 percent raise in many cases.

The union sought raises of 12.4 percent.

Eventually the district sought a court order restraining the teachers from withholding their services. But before an order could come about, an agreement was reached.

Schools opened Sept. 3, after the teachers ratified a two-year agreement costing the district another \$4 million.

The agreement gave teachers raises of about 10 percent each year of the two years.

Aug. 22, 1985: Superintendent Davis postponed the opening of school for one day because teachers refused to work. Similar postponements were expected on succeeding days.

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## Local/Regional

### Public hearings to consider reorganizing Bi-State routes

By Roger McGrath  
Staff affiliate

Reorganization of Belleville bus routes and reduction of service on three Madison County routes will be the topics at two public hearings to be held by the Bi-State Development Agency.

The hearings will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers at the Alton City Hall, and at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the County Board Room at the St. Clair County Government Center.

If approved by Bi-State commissioners, the route changes would become effective Nov. 28, a spokesman said.

The proposed reorganization of the local routes in Belleville was requested by the St. Clair County Transit District, which subsidizes the routes.

Bi-State estimates that 97 percent of Belleville riders will not be adversely affected by the proposed reorganization. In fact, agency executives expect the reorganization to boost ridership.

The reorganization plan would:

- Cut travel time by eliminating circular routes.
- Require fewer transfers, principally by routing most buses through the Belleville Terminal.
- Serve business and residential areas not now served.
- Connect the local buses with rush-hour commuter buses to and from St. Louis.
- Increase service to Scott Air Force Base and Mascoutah.

• Provide service to Belleville Area College and downtown Belleville every 30 minutes, plus add a late-night trip to accommodate night students.

• Improve service to junior high and high schools, including Althoff High School, which is not served by Bi-State.

In addition, bus schedules would be adjusted to operate at hourly intervals, the spokesman said.

The following are the proposed routes after reorganization:

• The 566 Lebanon-E. McKinley and 568 Country Club Plaza, which now operate in loops through downtown Belleville, would become straight-line routes providing direct connections between east Belleville and commercial destinations along Illinois 158 in Swansea and North Belt West.

• The proposed Lebanon Avenue-South Belt would run from Westfield Plaza on the west to Carlyle Plaza on the east, with a stop at the Belleville Terminal. Principal destinations on the route include the Belleville East and West high schools, St. Elizabeth Hospital and Country Club Plaza.

• The proposed North Belt-McClintock also will operate between Westfield Plaza and Carlyle Plaza. At the western end, new service would be provided through the Country Club Estates subdivision; a run-along Fullerton Road would provide a direct connection to Swansea Plaza on Illinois 158.

• The Carlyle Plaza-Memorial Hospital route, which now runs a straight line between Carlyle Plaza on the east and Memorial Hospital on the west, would become the Belleville College-Westfield. It would extend the route on both ends and reroute it in east Belleville so it would serve Althoff High School and Belleville Area College.

• The 507 Collinsville-Belleville and the 564 Belleville-Mascoutah would be combined into a single route connecting Caseyville, Collinsville and Mascoutah via St. Clair Square, Swansea, Belleville and Scott Air Force Base.

• The new Caseyville-Mascoutah line would have intermediate stops at Collinsville, St. Clair Square, Swansea, downtown Belleville, Belleville Area College and Scott Air Force Base.

The Madison County Transit District has requested that service be reduced on two routes and that a third be eliminated. The district subsidizes the routes.

• On the Alton line, the time between buses running the 521 State Central and 522 Pieta. Brown would be extended to 75 minutes.

• The 500 Race Track would be eliminated, though adjustments will be made to the 503 Collinsville-Edwardsville to provide alternative travel to Fairmont Park Race Track.

### Simon offers anti-corruption bill

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., has joined in introducing legislation to help prosecutors fight both private and public corruption.

The bill, introduced Sept. 15, has the effect of restoring to prosecutors tools stripped last year in a decision handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court which weakened application of the mail fraud statute to private and public corruption cases.

The high court, in its McNally decision, ruled the law covered only cases involving lost property or money. Before that decision, prosecutors routinely relied on the mail fraud statute to bring cases against public officials for breaking the public trust, whether or not public property or money was involved.

Under the intangible rights doctrine, if a public official accepted a bribe or otherwise acted corruptly, but did not take any property or money from the state, he or she was subject to prosecution for mail fraud.

The earlier interpretation of the law was particularly useful to U.S. attorneys in Illinois prosecuting the Greyhound cases. Since the McNally decision, it is far more difficult to prosecute those who have acted dishonestly in carrying out the work of the people, like those in the Greyhound investigation into fraud and corruption among Chicago judges.

And some public officials who have already been convicted have been successful in overturning their convictions. For example, Judge Reginald Holzer of Illinois, who was convicted of

extracting a series of bribes from lawyers with cases pending before him, had his conviction on the mail fraud count overturned after the McNally decision.

The McNally decision also makes it tougher to prosecute private individuals who accept bribes or otherwise act corruptly while carrying out their duties.

The bill would create a new public corruption section in the criminal code as well as restore, for the most part, the intangible rights doctrine as it relates to private corruption cases. The bill also includes a provision that penalizes an individual who dismisses, intimidates or coerces any public employees in order to advance or conceal a corrupt scheme, and it provides a civil remedy for those who are dismissed or discriminated against

for reporting fraud or assisting prosecutors.

"No single piece of legislation can eliminate corruption or dishonesty," said Simon. "But this bill will help in this fight."

U.S. attorneys have asked for prompt action on this bill and the Justice Department has signaled its support. Other sponsors of the bill include Sens. Joe Biden, D-Del., Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, and Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz. Simon said the bill may be attached to the anti-drug bill to help enact it before Congress adjourns.

Simon successfully battled corruption in Illinois government and before that was a crusading newspaper editor who fought corruption and organized crime in Madison and St. Clair counties.



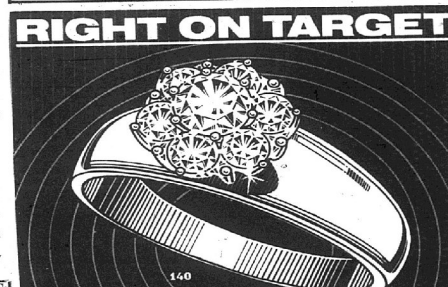
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Wednesday - Fried chicken, tater tots, green beans, fruit cup.

Thursday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, vegetables, fruit cup.

Friday - Fish plate, macaroni and cheese, slaw, fruit cup.

Madison Public Schools

Monday - Ravioli, cheese sauce, tossed salad, apple sauce.

Tuesday - Pizzaburger, french fries, pears.

Wednesday - Bologna and cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, pineapple upside-down cake.

Thursday - Fried chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, gelatin.

Friday - Tuna salad sandwich, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, peaches.

Venice Public Schools

Monday - Barbecued pork on bun, baked beans, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday - Pizza, garden salad, cherries.

Wednesday - Fried chicken, green beans, corn, apple sauce.

Thursday - Cheese dogs, peas and carrots, fruit cocktail.

Friday - Tuna noodle bake, spinach, peaches.

Holy Family

Monday - Canneloni, cheese sauce, corn, apple sauce, choco late pudding.

St. Mary's, Madison

Monday - Pizza, salad, fruit cup

Tuesday - Sloppy joe, cheese, tater tots, green beans, peas, les, cherry cobbler.

Wednesday - Hamburger on bun, Spanish rice, celery and carrot sticks, cheese, cookie.

Thursday - Taco with cheese and lettuce, corn, peanut butter bread, cake.

Friday - Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas, pickles, orange jello

St. Elizabeth

Monday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, vegetables, apple or cherry turnover.

Tuesday - Pizza with extra cheese, celery and carrot sticks, pudding and fruit.

Wednesday - Hamburger or cheeseburger on bun, French fries, vegetables, ice cream and fruit.

Thursday - Chili or chili mac, peanut butter sandwich, apple sauce.

Friday - Fish on bun, tater tots, vegetables, pumpkin bars, fruit.

St. Mary's, Madison

Monday - Pizza, salad, fruit cup

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, apple sauce.

Wednesday - Burritos, baked beans, jello with fruit.

Thursday - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapples.

Friday - Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas, pears.

Senior Citizens

Monday - Barbecued boneless rib, macaroni salad, green beans, pear slices.

Tuesday - Sliced turkey breast, yam patties, chef salad, apple crisp.

Wednesday - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, spinach, banana

Thursday - Ham and beans, slaw, cornbread, apricots.

Friday - Swiss steak, mashed

potatoes, peas and carrots, cheese cake.

Head Start

Monday - Baked ham slice, macaroni and cheese, peas, apple sauce.

Tuesday - Spaghetti in meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, mixed vegetables.

Thursday - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn.

Friday - Chili, crackers, raw vegetables, orange slices.



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## Social notes

### Good neighborhood discussed

The Granite City Unit Home-makers Extension met at the Nameoki Presbyterian Church Sept. 6, with Chairmen LaNell Lesseg presiding.

Freddie McElroy led the group in the "Homemakers Aim." Louise Thompson led the prayer.

Jan Burnett gave a lesson on the "Art of Neighboring." She presented ideas on how members could improve themselves as neighbors and on the importance of having a support network.

Wilma Owca read the June minutes and Martha McIlroy read the minutes on the unit's trip to Kimmiswick, Mo.

Newly elected officers installed by Alma Beckmann were: Lesseg, chairman; Mary Thebeau, first vice chairman;

Helen Miller, second vice chairman; Adele Wasyliak served in her absence; Ciella Schreiber, secretary; and Sophia Thomas, treasurer, who gave a report.

An international report was given by Wilma Owca on Korea. LaNell said she had attended a meeting on this subject.

The group's Christmas Party will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 6 at Jerry's Cafeteria. Reservations will be \$5 and must be made by Nov. 25. On the committee will be Irma Taylor, chairman, and Wilma Owca, Adele Wasyliak and Dorothy Melvin.

Lesseg said dues will be raised for the first time in 51 years, from \$8 to \$10. The increase will be voted on next month.

Refreshments with a birthday

theme was served to 25 members: Beckmann, Ann Konopka, Lesseg, Vera Lynn, Freddy McElroy, McIlroy, Anna Michels, Ann Miller, Melvin, Owca, Grace Paddock, Mary Radick, Frances Robbers, Elizabeth Schmidt, Schreiber, Florence Stokes, Taylor, Thebeau, Louise Thompson, Sophia Thomas, Laura Travis, Wasyliak, Betty Weston, Vincine Zerlin and Barbara Rogers.

One guest, Winnie Kelley, also became a new member. Two members of the Home Extension Advisors, Mary Lou Garbe and Burnett also attended. Hostesses were Taylor, Louise Thompson and Schreiber.

Next month's hostesses will be Laura Travis and Florence Stokes. There will be a pot luck lunch and White Elephant Sale.

### Meetings to introduce Catholicism to public

Those who have ever considered becoming a member of the Catholic Church and are interested in learning more about Catholicism are invited to a series of meetings to be held at the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Centreville, and St. Catherine Labouré and Holy Family Church, both in Cahokia.

The churches will begin a series of meetings to introduce and initiate people into the church at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 6211 Church Road, Centreville.

Those who wish more information may call the Immaculate Conception rectory between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 332-8731 or 332-0865.

### Eagles, Auxiliary attend President's Day

Eagles State President's Day was held in Shiloh on Aug. 19 through 21.

Attending from Granite City were State Southern Zone Trustees Florence Hagnauer, Angie Buehler, Sue Oliver and Vincine Zerlin.

On Saturday afternoon, a joint meeting was chaired by State Aerie President Charles

"Rabbit" Landford and State Auxiliary President Stephanie Smith. Most of the meeting was devoted to a question-and-answer session.

State Project Chairman Ruth Brown and Smith both discussed the Special Olympics, which is the auxiliary's state project.

### Scottish Rite plans to hold auction Oct. 1

An auction will be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1267 North 57th St., Belleville, on Saturday, Oct. 1, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until all items are sold. Proceeds from the auction will be used for cathedral maintenance and repair.

The public is invited to attend and participate. Members are being encouraged to attend and bring items for the auction.

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### Red Cross salutes 2 local volunteers

The Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross has declared Sept. 26-30 to be Emergency Training Volunteer Week. For this occasion, the Red Cross is recognizing local volunteer instructors.

In the Granite City area, the following people are the first to receive this public acknowledgment of their willingness to help prepare their community for medical emergencies:

Virginia A. Lepping, cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructor.

Martha C. Clynes, first-aid instructor.

"The American Red Cross offers rewarding volunteer opportunities in many ways, including organizing blood drives, disaster assistance, and emergency training. Please call your local chapter for more information," a spokesman said.

### Sparks announce birth of daughter Lindsay

Mr. and Mrs. Wally (Dana Buer) Sparks have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, Lindsay Marie Sparks, born Aug. 26 at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, Ill.

The infant was born at 10:10

a.m., and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19½-inches long.

Grandparents are Rich and Ruth Buer, 3917 Illinois 162; Pat Sparks, Muncie, Ind.; and the late Keith Sparks.

### Series on alleviating stress

"Stress...how to deal with it more effectively, and the coping strategies to help understand and alleviate it" is the topic of a lifestyle-changes seminar being offered through St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Going Strong Wellness Center, 22nd and Iowa streets.

The class will be offered on four consecutive Thursdays, Sept. 29 through Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Wellness Center classroom.

Taught by Bob Turck, an SEMC social worker who has an extensive background in the teaching of stress management, this seminar deals with stress in nine different areas and "develops effective coping strategies," said Turck.

"This is a creative and in-depth seminar," he said.

"Participants gain a deeper understanding of themselves as they learn their personal stressors and personal symptoms of stress."

"This seminar also incorporates rational thinking techniques, assertiveness training, time and energy management, and relaxation therapy. Its goal is to help individuals learn to deal more effectively with the stress in their own lives."

Cost of the series is \$45 per person. Participants receive a variety of materials to use in managing daily stress.

To register, persons may call the SEMC Going Strong Wellness Center, 786-3361. Since enrollment is limited to 30, individuals are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

### Optifast orientation Sept. 28

There is a disease out there that has already affected tens of millions of Americans. Some have passed it down from generation to generation.

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The Optifast Program, offered through St. Elizabeth Medical Center, is a multidisciplinary treatment approach for patients who are more than 50 pounds or at least 30 percent over ideal body weight. The program combines medical supervision, a modified fast, behavioral modification, nutrition education group sessions and exercise.

An Optifast orientation program will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Wellness Center gym "for individuals

interested in taking the first step to a healthier life," said Jim Chiappa, program director.

"Some individuals gain and lose hundreds of pounds in their lifetimes. They've been on every conceivable diet, and still carry an extra 50 pounds or more."

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EX-WARRIORS now playing soccer at Western Illinois University. (Photo courtesy of Western Illinois University)  
Kirk Mills, Jeff Grote, Joe Gray, Scott Blason and Scott Grote.

## 9 GC players clash in Macomb today

It could very well be Granite City Day in Macomb, Ill.

When Western Illinois hosts Drake University in a 2 p.m. soccer game today, there will be no fewer than nine ex-Warriors on the rosters of the two teams.

Mike Lane, Brett Bjorkman and Bill Aleksandrian will come in with the visiting Bulldogs. The host Leathernecks, meanwhile, have six Granite City products. Senior Scott Grote is the second of three Grote brothers to attend WIU. He followed his older brother Barry and preceded younger brother Jeff. Jeff, a freshman, was a

captain of the Warriors' 1987 state championship team and was an all-state selection. He is starting at fullback as a freshman.

Junior Scott Blason, a 1986 GCHS grad, is one of the WIU team captains along with C.J. Easton of Belleville East. Blason was the team's Rookie of the Year as a freshman in 1986. He was a three-year starter in high school and a four-year letterman. He was a captain of the 1985 team, was all-conference, all-state and all-metro second team. He received a U.S. Army Award as well.

Junior Joe Gray was injured in a game against West Texas State and will miss the rest of the season. He was also a captain of the 1985 Warriors.

Freshman Kirk Mills is another captain of the 1987 state champions. He is playing halfback at WIU. Freshman Herb Heaton scored his first goal as a striker for WIU in a 2-1 win over Sangamon State. Heaton scored the state championship winning goal in sudden death overtime last fall.

Scott Grote is the only senior on the WIU roster. Blason, Gray and Easton are the only juniors.

## Cougars wipe out Trojans 34-0 as Becker throws 4 TD passes

By Mike Blackshear  
Correspondent

MADISON — Everyone showed up to see a football game Friday at Sam Dymally Memorial Field. Instead they saw another performance of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, starring the Madison Trojans.

The Trojans were completely dominated 34-0 by the Brees Central Cougars. With a chance to even their record, the Trojans instead dropped to 1-3, while it is the Cougars who go to 2-2 on the season.

It has been an up and down season for Madison so far — but mostly down. After losing their first two games badly, the Trojans looked like they might not win a game. The Trojans were like a different team in a victory over Pittsfield. Coach Don Smith was hoping that was the team he was going to coach the rest of the season.

"After last week I had a glimmer of hope," he said. "But after tonight I don't know if we are any good or not. I don't know how we are going to come out and play. Tonight we were terrible. We didn't tackle anybody. It was like we didn't want to win."

One person who definitely came to win was the Cougar junior quarterback, Craig Becker. Becker ran the option almost to perfection, keeping the

Madison defense off balance and on the field all night. He opened the game with several large rushing gains. When the Trojans over-compensated to play the run, Becker took to the air.

Becker's stats would be impressive at any level of football. He rushed 11 times for 70 yards and completed 7 of 12 passes for 173 yards with four touchdowns and one interception.

Brees Central coach Andy Kassebaum thought Becker had the game of his life.

"Craig Becker was the key to the game," Kassebaum said. "He set the tempo in the first drive and went on to have the best game a quarterback has ever had for me. Craig was calling a lot of audibles at the line, and it seemed like everything he called worked."

It just didn't seem like it. Everything did work. The statistics don't lie.

The Cougars ran the ball 39 times for 203 yards. The Trojans run 29 times for a grand total of 27 yards. Madison picked up only 41 more yards through the air.

Madison's game plan was thrown off by something unexpected at the last minute. As Trojan starter Frederico Walker was standing on the field getting ready to cover the opening kickoff, Smith got a message.

Because of a pending disciplinary punishment, Walker could not play in the game. Walker had to literally walk off the field, and this last-minute problem certainly didn't help the Trojan defense.

Ian Smith was almost as invisible as Walker. The Trojans' star running back rushed six times for minus six yards.

The Cougar defense was keying on Smith and often getting to him at just about the same time as the handoff. Smith tried to get to the outside where he could use his speed to get upfield. But there was always a crowd there waiting for him.

It has become very obvious to the Trojan's opponents that to stop Smith is to stop the Trojans.

Kassebaum was very proud of the victory, but still humble.

"I think we came in with a very good defensive plan, and then we executed it well," Kassebaum said. "We have lost four in a row to the Trojans. We were due to win one sooner or later."

Don Smith is afraid he is going to be reading more of those quotes from opposing coaches.

"It could be a long year," he said. "A lot of people will be getting even with us if we keep playing like we did tonight."

## Tournament of Champions endangered by school strike

By Dave Whaley  
Executive sports editor

GRANITE CITY — The Tournament of Champions is on the endangered species list — at least for this year.

While most of the cancellations due to the teachers strike are affecting only one game at a time, the Granite City/Peppel Tournament of Champions is only eight days away. Right now, what is perhaps the premier high school soccer tournament in the country is in danger.

"We have mentioned some possibilities for that," said athletic director Greg Patton. "If we can't have it the way we usually do, I think we will scrap the whole thing. I think we'll have to make a decision one way or another by Tuesday. It's too bad. We'll just have to let the other 15 teams fend for themselves next week."

Warrior soccer coach Gene Baker said most of the teams involved in the tournament don't have other games scheduled for the week of Oct. 3-8, although a couple of them do have one or two games scheduled between their appearances in Granite City.

"We're just going to have to take it day by day," he said. "I don't think it could be played in Granite City if it was played."

Patton said lodging arrangements have to be made at the

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# Entertainment

## Life for Joel Grey real 'Cabaret'

By Frank Hunter  
Staff affiliate

Joel Grey remains the quintessential Peter Pan of the musical theater, at 56 an impish song-and-dance man for whom life is a "Cabaret" all over again.

The elfin actor created the indelible role of the nightclub emcee in Berlin's sleazy Kit Kat Club during the terrifying years of Germany's rising Third Reich. He will return to St. Louis in the Harold Prince-Ron Field revival of "Cabaret" which opens The Muny's fall-winter season at the Fox Theater on Sept. 27. The show will run through Oct. 2.

Grey said theater producers have badgered him to star in a reprise of "Cabaret" for several years.

"I didn't resist their offers because I was sick of the part — after all, I didn't really play it all that long," Grey said during an interview. "But I did want to help improve the 1987 Broadway season which had far too few musicals playing that would get the public coming back into the theaters. It just struck me as the right time to do it."

Grey won Broadway's 1967 Tony Award and the best-actor Oscar for the 1972 movie version in which he recreated his role of the leering, pasty-faced puppet manipulating sin on a string while Hitler's Nazi thugs were orchestrating Europe's destruction during the early 1930s.

Based on John Van Druten's play, "I Am a Camera," and stories by Christopher Isherwood, "Cabaret" is being called a "new production" rather than a revival, although it is probably both.

There have been some revisions in the book and score. A

couple of songs have been cut, another one has been reworked, and Fred Ebb and John Kander (who wrote all the music and lyrics for the original) have composed a fourth tune for the current production.

"Cabaret" also reunites two other members of the original creative team — author Joe Maseroff and costume designer Patricia Zipprock.

Joining Joel Grey on stage will be Nancy Ringham as the confused Kit Kat Club English thrush Sally Bowles; Brian Suberland in the role of Clifford Bradshaw, her American author-lover; Maria Leygis playing thrifty landlady Fraulein Schneider, and Michael Allison as Schneider's aging, good-natured suitor.

And so Grey is at it again, having a wonderful time on stage playing the depraved, caustic, vaunting cynical nightclub master of ceremonies who monitors the wildly theatrical proceedings while mirroring the corruption and moral decay of a nation on the brink of going berserk.

Whenever Joel Grey's name crops up, so does Liza Minnelli's. It was Minnelli, starring with Grey, who gave the stylish film treatment, who made a classic recording of the title song and spawned a gaggle of imitators, most of them bad.

"The last time I worked with Liza was the summer of 1982 and it was a bigger thing than together," Grey recalled. "We had a sensational time while it lasted and I'd do it all over again in a minute if the chance came along."

Grey thinks people are more prone to recall the film than the stage version of "Cabaret."

"After all, with Fosse's direc-

tion it became an international hit. Insofar as movie musicals, it was far ahead of its time. But Fosse had removed the book songs in an effort to solve what he called 'the movie musical problems' which historically has dealt with the cluniness of having people sing to each other as part of the dialogue.

"That customarily works a lot better on the stage, assuming that it's well done, but in film it is very difficult. And so you would have to conclude that there were vast differences between the film and stage versions."

Joel Grey grew up in Cleveland and at age 9 made his Cleveland Playhouse stage debut as Fud in William Saroyan's "On Borrowed Time." A critic wrote at the time: "I can only say that the boy is phenomenal. He is completely at home on stage without being the slightest bit precocious."

His father, the late comedian Mickey Katz, moved the family to Los Angeles when Grey was 13 and at 16 he was working in his dad's stage revues on weekends.

Eddie Cantor spotted him in 1950 and put him on his television show, "Colgate Comedy Hour," and by 19 Grey had become an established international entertainer, working top-notch nightclubs and theaters such as New York's Copacabana and the London Palladium.

"One bigger thing my father taught me was that you can't take an audience for granted," Grey said. "When dad saw me in 'Cabaret,' he was thunderstruck. He thought I would be like him, along with being a top-notch musician as well, but I couldn't learn music the right way — theater was always my



JOEL GREY appears without makeup, left, before getting ready to appear as the nightclub emcee, right, in 'Cabaret.'

great love. The fact was, my father didn't really know or care anything about acting."

Grey said that when he played the character of Chum, the 75-year-old Korean martial arts expert in the 1985 film "Reno Williams: The Adventure Begins," he drew on lasting impressions of his father who was dying during the time the film was in production.

"The character was precisely my dad's age and there was more of him in that role than most people realize," Grey said. Having played countless stage, film and television roles, and earned a flock of awards for

shows including "George M" (in which he created a delightful stage portrait of George M. Cohan, the legendary director and performer), Joel Grey says he has yet to play the part of a father.

"That's probably one of the things I do best in real life, and it's something that has interested me since my own childhood," said Grey, the divorced father of two grown children.

Daughter Jennifer is the actress who starred opposite Patrick Swayze in the 1987 smash film "Dirty Dancing." Son James is studying to become a chef.

Being compared with the late James Cagney, whose screen portrayal of George M. Cohan remains unforgettable in the public memory, is inevitable but Grey has never let it trouble him.

"As a matter of fact, I like comparisons and being in competitive situations. It's the easy stuff in the theater and in films that doesn't work for me."

"I've always responded to challenges. Maybe that's why doing 'Cabaret' all over again was so appealing. It's always been a pretty tough show now that I think about it."

## Video releases feature usual corporate villains

By Richard Zacks  
Video reviews  
New York Times Syndicate

A big-time developer comes to the sleepy New Mexico village of Milagro and promises to transform it into Mirale Valley, the playtime capital of the Southwest, with swimming pools, tennis courts and condos.

There's one little catch, though, that this Donald Trump in a cowboy hat doesn't bother to tell the Hispanic villagers. Skyrocketing taxes probably will force most of them to move, and those few staying won't snare the added jobs unless they happen to be white-collar pros.

The land developer, played by Richard Bradford in Robert Redford's whimsical fable "Milagro Beanfield War" (1987, MCA, \$89.98) certainly is the corporate heavy with the conscience of a hungry snake. He looks the part: beefy, white-haired, dark eyebrows, mirrored shades.

"I thought I was doing something good for this town," Bradford mutters with miraculous self-deception. And Melanie Griffith, his toothy, evil temptress, "I just don't know if the world needs another golf course."

Bradford plays a boardroom villain; J.R. on the big screen. There are unethical businessmen willing to bulk the poor in order to squeeze out more profit. American filmmakers have been relentlessly casting businessmen as heavies ever since the silents turned into talkies. Sure there have been a few exceptions such as "Dodge" (1936, Nelson, \$24.95), but mostly it has been a black hat for business types.

Take "Batteries not included" (1987, MCA, \$89.98), another new release. Michael Greene plays Lacey, a developer who hires a street gang to terrorize five tenants (including Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn) who refuse to move. Have no fear, though. Aliens who resemble flying can openers and are capable of rebuilding torched tenements come to the rescue.

But both these portraits of ruthless tycoons are mostly one-dimensional. For a more thorough skewering of a vicious corporate type, see "Wall Street" (1987, CBS/Fox, \$89.98). Michael Douglas won a well-deserved Best Actor nomination as raider Gordon Gekko (a geeko is a lizard that devours small animals and never blinks). At the

annual meeting of Teldar Paper he trumpets: "Greed works. Greed is right, greed in all its forms, greed for life, money, love, knowledge."

Most of the corporate villains throughout American film history fall into a few basic categories:

First, there is the bully trying to break the back of the union. Often, you don't see the head slime bucket but instead watch his goons in action.

In "Norma Rae" (1979, CBS/Fox, \$29.95), Sally Field and Ron Leibman fight together to unionize the Hadleyville, Tenn., textile plant. The goons are union flyers on bulletin boards where "even Will Chamberlain on stilts" couldn't see them; they also try to scare up racial tension by putting up a notice claiming blacks are plotting to take over the union.

In "Grapes of Wrath" (1940, CBS/Fox, \$59.98) and "Bound for Glory" (1976, MCA/UA, \$59.95), Dust Bowl refugees get beaten up by the henchmen of California fruit growers. More recently, Eddie Arnold as the chairman proclaims: "I'm one of the most powerful men in the world and if I can't have somebody shot,

tain Coal Co. in West Virginia, features some of the "most cold-blooded head-bangers in the name of profit."

A second type of corporate bully is the cover-up artist worried of Watergate. You can check out righteous "Silkwood" (1983, Nelson, \$19.98), starring Meryl Streep as Karen Silkwood, who fought to show workers at the Kerr-McGee nuclear plant in Oklahoma that they were being exposed to dangerous levels of radiation. In "China Syndrome" (1979, RCA/Columbia, \$29.98), Jane Fonda refuses to allow a cover-up of a near nuclear meltdown.

But my all-time favorite corporate-bashing movie is "Head Office" (1985, HBO, \$79.95), weak on plot but long on brilliantly funny send-ups of corporate life at Inc., the world's largest multinational company.

Rick Moranis is the frantic public relations guy who has to fashion a campaign showing that "closing down a plant and moving 10,000 jobs to Latin America is as American as apple pie."

Eddie Arnold as the chairman proclaims: "I'm one of the most powerful men in the world and if I can't have somebody shot,



JESSICA TANDY, left, and Hume Cronyn break into a dance in 'batteries not included,' released on videocassette.

what does it mean to have power?" Spoof? Yes. But not so far off the real-life characters portrayed seriously in dozens of other movies.

Best Bets: "Shoot to Kill" (1988, Touchstone, \$89.98). Sidney Poitier is an FBI agent

adrift in the mountains trying to find a murderer.

"She's Having a Baby" (1988, Paramount, \$89.98). Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth McGovern team up in another lightweight comedy from director John Hughes.

## Freddy brings end to sweet dreaming

By Harry Hamm  
Staff affiliate

The "Nightmare on Elm Street" series of films has been consistent.

Beginning in 1984, there have been four films in four years, all carbon copies, all getting mostly negative reviews and all making a lot of money. New directors, new writers and new actors have made no difference.

"A Nightmare on Elm Street 4" (2 stars) continues the "adventures" of Freddy Krueger, that villainous, supernatural

killer with the complexion of a melted candle and gloved fingers that turn into Swiss army knives.

The crux of this script has to do with the consumption of teen-age deaths on Elm Street, in the picturesque town of Springwood. Although Springwood is not placed in any specific state, it is interesting that most of the outdoor scenes for "Nightmare 4" were shot in Valencia, Calif.

Described in this script as "the bastard son of a hundred maniacs," Freddy (played by Robert Englund) returns to the

dreams of some of the survivors of the last film. In "A Nightmare on Elm Street 3: Dream Warriors" Freddy was burned alive by a group of vigilante parents. Evidently, Freddy is fireproof because he has come back as mean and as satanic as ever.

As it is described in the script of "Nightmare 4," many of the victims "sleep to their death." That means that through psychic powers, the victims are drawn into a dream where Freddy appears and kills them. The victims then wake up to find out they have been mortally wounded. Eating a large pizza right

before you retire will give you a similar feeling.

The special effects and make-up in "A Nightmare on Elm Street 4" stand out. The action sequences seem to be getting better, as does the comic relief. From the technical side, "Nightmare 4" is the best of the bunch. The audience I saw this film with was populated mostly by teen-agers who seemed to be having a lot of laughs.

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